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avoid regrets that the floodgates of disorder were ever allowed to be opened. Those who have been through the country before the troublous will hear in their minds a picture of a fairly happy and contented population, well fed, well clothed, and well housed, living a law-abiding sort of way—barring an occasional clan fight or armed robbery—and who had few taxes and few policemen to trouble them, and desired only to be let alone. Then came the British, and the dull-witted populace, partly by reason of their own inherent dislike to change and partly influenced by designing persons who inflamed them with tales of the crushing taxation that was to be imposed upon them and the restraints that were to be placed upon their liberty, made a fight for it, a fight as senseless as that of a wild animal caught in a trap. Their unfortunate conduct—for which the Colonial Government is really more responsible than the ignorant people themselves—is bringing on them serious consequences, in which the innocent have to suffer with the guilty. If one could associate any romance with the Chinese, the deportation of the inhabitants of the walled city of Kowloon, with their goods and chattels, might almost recall the picture presented in LONGFELLOW'S "Evangelina." No doubt the Government will give them pecuniary compensation, but it takes a deal to compensate a community for the loss of their homes. However necessary these drastic measures may be, they are not pleasant to reflect upon, especially when one thinks how easily things might have been otherwise if the action of the Government had only been guided by common sense at the outset. Public opinion from the beginning, deprecated the delay in taking over the New Territory, but the Government declined to be moved or to accord any explanation. Now the consequences are before the world in their full unpleasantness and our French and Russian friends may jeer at the "superior person" JOHN BULL, to wit—who has not brought things off quite so well as he intended—no better, in fact, than they themselves.

INCREASED taxation is in the air. For our own part, we cannot admit the necessity, for the recently published financial returns show that the ordinary income of the colony is sufficient to cover the ordinary expenditure and to leave a small margin. No doubt the development and administration of the New Territory will involve considerable fresh expenditure, but it would be manifestly unfair to throw on the present generation of Hongkong taxpayers, who are not likely to derive much benefit from it. A good deal of money will have to be spent on portmanteau works, such as roads, piers, markets, sanitation, and so forth, and the most appropriate means of meeting expenditure of that description is by a loan, whereby the payment can be spread over a number of years and be contributed to those who in future years will enjoy the benefit of the works. If, however, we are to have increased taxation the question arises, in what form can it be best imposed? The house-tax, undoubtedly, as it is felt to be, falls with the most equal incidence on the whole community, European and Chinese, rich and poor, and if increased taxation there must be, possibly that would be the least objectionable form. The Hongkong correspondent of the N. C. Daily News has suggested a tax on alcohol, and certainly no one would dispute that it is a very proper subject for taxation, but it happens that we have no means of collecting such a tax. We have no Custom-house, and when it was proposed some years ago to establish a Spirit Firm the project was strongly condemned by the Chamber of Commerce, which body was able to adduce arguments sufficiently cogent to induce the Government to withdraw the Bill, it had introduced into the Legislative Council. Light or tonnage dues are not to be thought of, as the prosperity of the colony is indissolubly bound up with the freedom of the port, and the natives were to welcome their new rulers with gladness, or at least to accept them without resistance. Everything was to be arranged very thoroughly and neatly, for which time was required, and the Colonial Secretary had to travel to and from between Downing Street and Her Majesty's new possession in order to place the Secretary of State in full possession of all material facts in connection with the territory and to perfect arrangements. At last the time for the transfer approached, the flag-hoisting ceremony was to be made the occasion of a brilliant display, the day was proclaimed a public holiday, invitations were issued for a picnic to be given to the officials and their friends at the public expense, and everything looked bright and promising, when lo!—as the late Mr. Black would say—a strange thing happened. On the eve of the important day it was discovered that the natives had been making use of the time consumed by the Colonial Secretary's trip to England to organise a rebellion and that the country was up in arms. The programme for the 17th April was declared "off" and, as the correspondent of the N. C. Daily News put it, if the ceremony had been arranged for the first of that month we could not have been made greater fools of.

A rebellion being in progress it became necessary to suppress it, and, after the armed opposition had been broken up, to rule the natives with some severity in order to bring them into a state of thorough subjection. It was hoped originally that it could all be done by kindness, but now it is held that force is the only thing the Chinese understand, that fear must precede respect, and that we must use a rod of iron. The original mistakes having been made, all this is no doubt very necessary to get rid of the consequences. A short and sharp suppression of the elements of disorder will prove in the long run the truest kindness, but it is impossible not to feel some sympathy for the misguided wretches who are having such a rough introduction to the benignity of British law, or

Gordula Neubert of the Zeesen, which arrived from Heiltsu yesterday, reported that on the 15th inst. he passed a full-rigged ship abandoned at Apo Hoof, Minho Strait.

From the *Ostasiatische Lloyd* we learn that Dr. Kimpf has received a telegram notifying him that he has received the appointment as Consul-General for Germany at Shanghai, in which he has for some time past been acting.

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flavor, now varied by cultures of pleasing species, and in many other ways render valuable service.

A vase that has been lost in the earth of Gaul, Italy, its contents is 12 inches high, and is claimed to have been out from a ship's owner. A local antiquary has tried to prove that this precious relic was one of the gifts of Solomon to the Queen of Sheba.

The singular and unexplained property of aluminous writing upon clean, white, and porous, especially the Green High School, seems admirably adapted for decorative purposes. The briniferous oil gives the designs drawn with the aluminum pencil the luster and appearance of solid silver.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro* will leave for left Shanghai for this port on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The H. A. steamer *Antonia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 24th inst.

The C. P. R. Co.'s steamer *Tartar* sailed from Moji on Wednesday, the 17th inst., for Hongkong, where she is expected to arrive on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 8 a.m.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Fujiwa Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port on the 18th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 27th inst.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking* with mails left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, India, Suez, Koko Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 16th inst.

The E. & C. Co.'s steamer *Eastern*, which left Cardiff on 16th April, passed Singapore on the afternoon of the 16th inst., and is due in Hongkong on Saturday next.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Perseverance*, from Suez 13th May, had a cargo of 1,000 cwt. of oilseed and other cargoes.

The British steamer *Hawke*, from Tamsui 15th May, and Amoy 17th, had moderate meadow and fine cloudy weather throughout. In Amoy—Stars, Weaving, Kuanzai, and Coaster.

The British steamer *Thales*, from Foochow 15th May, and Amoy 16th, had S.W. and W. winds, light and calm weather. Vessels in Foochow—S. W. Waterford and a Japanese gunboat. In Amoy steamship *Wangan* loading for Hongkong.

The British steamer *Hawke*, from Wuhu and Chinkiang 14th May, had thick fog on the 15th and part of 16th inst., then from Szechuan to Aotou a light drizzling rain with fresh N.E. to E.N.E. winds, from Oseka to port and starboard, with moderate meadow. Vessels in Oseka—*Yunnan*, *Yunnan*, *Yunnan*, *North*, *South*, *East*, *West*, *Coast*, *South*, *North*; *spoke str. Canton*, *bound North*; *spoke str. Canton*, *bound South*. On 16th inst. passed str. *Pechin* of Fung Ying, with junk in tow, bound North.

Some interesting details have been published in New York (says the *Daily Telegraph*) concerning the profits made by the principal singulars during the first six months of 1899. Mr. Jean de Rosset made the list with about £6,000. Mr. Van Dyck will clear £6,000; Edmond de Reszko £5,500; Mr. Van Reeuw and Mr. Pleasance £2,000 each; Mr. Salom £2,000; Mr. Dupper £1,000; Mr. Bisschop £1,500; and Mr. Maurel and Mr. Albers £1,200 each. Madame Sunbeam took the list of lady vocalists with £5,100, while Madame Lehmann was second with £3,500. Madame Gobbi, Madame Estelle, £2,000; Miss Braga, £2,000; Miss Engle, Miss Stavile, and Madame Mantelli £2,000 each; Madame Melba, £2,000; Miss Suzanne Adams, £2,000; and Madame Schumann, Hainz at the rate of £200 a month. These amounts do not include money received for out of town performances.

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